

# MORE FRENCHMEN TO AFRICA

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
ALEX. H. WASHBURN

### The Missouri Pacific Case It May Cost Hempstead \$10,000

Yesterday's newspapers told you that in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis Thursday the Missouri Pacific railroad won, and the State of Arkansas lost, an argument over taxes. Arkansas is going ahead with its litigation, but the federal Circuit Court of Appeals is pretty far up the line, as courts go, and it begins to look as though we should brace ourselves for a new problem in taxation and government.

## Greeks Take New Positions Near Tepeleni

### Decisive Battle Draws Near; 38,114 Italians Taken in Africa

ATHENS —(AP)— Greeks besieging Tepeleni in Albania were reported Saturday to have wrested control of strategic positions from the Italians, bringing the battle to a decisive stage. Italian artillery was said to be withdrawing from heights beyond the town while Greek artillery "crushed the enemy," the Greeks asserted.

CAIRO —(AP)— British headquarters said Saturday 38,114 Italian prisoners captured in the great desert offensive had been counted.

ROME —(AP)— Virginio Gayda, highly-placed Italian editor, Saturday warned American "interventionists" that if they sent supplies to Britain by way of neutral islands they would spread the war to the "southern Atlantic and the Pacific."

Gayda wrote that he did not see what interest American interventionists have in creating an open conflict between continents.

## What Defense Means Now

### Important Difference Between 1917 and Today

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt cuts his cloth from a world war pattern when he names a new high command with a single director to step up defense production. He also runs into new, confusing problems of military tailoring.

In the minds of many observers, big Bill Knudsen steps into shoes similar to—but not exactly the same as—those worn by Barney Baruch in World War I. Baruch was the chairman of the War Industries Board named by President Wilson. Knudsen is director of the new office of Defense Production.

But there are important differences between 1917 and now.

Today we are not at war. Most observers agree, therefore, that the public is not imbued with a "wartime" spirit. Rather are the time considered "peacetime" however much the cau-

The Missouri Pacific, which is in bankruptcy, objected that the assessment of its property in Arkansas is too high, offered to pay 60% of the assessment, but the state refused to accept this.

A large part of our revenue for local government and for schools has been derived in the past from a tax against transportation, which meant the railroads. But in this generation traffic on the railroads has gone down and traffic on the highways has come up.

It is obvious that with Texas, to the west, and Tennessee, to the east, assessing no sales tax, a large part of Arkansas' population has an easy access to goods exempt from the 2% levy.

Historically, therefore, much of our local taxation came originally from transportation, is paid today from store sales—but any future increase must come from a source still to be discovered.

And your guess is as good as mine.

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Paints and Sews

WHARTON, Texas.—(AP)—Nyla Gladine Thompson, 13, is without the use of her legs and arms, except for slight control over her right hand, but she is far from idle.

Nyla, stricken with infantile paralysis four years ago, paints with a brush held between her teeth, has nearly completed a quilt she pieced of four-inch squares. She holds one handle of the scissors in her left hand the other in her uncertain right hand.

## Germans Intensify Rumanian Farming

BERLIN.—(AP)—On the heels of Rumania's adherence to the "Three Power Pact," Germany announced its intention to raise the agricultural production of King Mihai's realm by delivering 1,000 tractors.

All of Rumania's estimated 7,200,000 acres of tillable soil is to be tilled during the coming year, a government press service announced. To train a staff of mechanics to take care of the tractors, a trade school has been established near Bucharest, it was said.

First Public Building  
The White House was the first public building erected in Washington, D. C. Its cornerstone was laid Oct. 13, 1792 and its first occupants were President and Mrs. John Adams who moved in during November 1800.

To keep an air force of 50,000 airplanes in service will require approximately 700,000 men.

## Police Turn Michigan Man Over to FBI

### Fred Holly Faces Two Federal Charges, Local Forgery Court

City police turned over to the FBI authorities here Saturday Fred J. Holly, of Michigan, who has been held in Hempstead county jail since Tuesday on a forgery charge.

Investigation showed that Holly was wanted by the FBI for impersonating a federal officer and violating the Dyer act. He is also wanted in Michigan for stealing a car, local Police Chief J. W. Jones said.

Holly was arrested here Tuesday on a tip from a local firm with whom he tried to cash a \$25 forged check bearing the signature of O. A. Graves. The check was later cashed at Hope Auto company. Local police waived their forgery charge and Holly was taken to Texarkana federal prison Saturday morning. The two federal charges will be filed in the Ft. Smith court.

The stolen car, a 1939 Ford Deluxe coupe, belonged to the United Rental Car System of Detroit. The car bore Civil Aeronautics Authority license plates which were also stolen.

Police Chief J. W. Jones said that Holly appeared to be well educated and claimed to have studied law at Purdue University.

## Long Statue to Be Unveiled

### Each State Allowed One Statue Statuary Hall

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Sometime after the new congress convenes a six-foot-five, 900-pound bronze statue of a far Huey Long will be unveiled in the national Capitol's statuary hall, but it may be that just half of Louisiana's delegation to congress will have anything to do with this recognition and high honor accorded the state's one-time "kingfish."

By federal statute, each state is allowed to place one statue in statuary hall—once the old chamber of the House of Representatives—and a second in the Capitol courtyards. After Huey's death and during the regime of his brother as governor, the bronze statue set aside \$15,000 for the bronze figure and Sculptor Charles Keck, of New York was commissioned to turn it out.

Since Louisiana has no other statue in the Capitol, Huey's gets the honor of spot in the hall. A few weeks ago it arrived and, draped in an American flag, was placed on its four-foot pedestal between representations of William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska and the senior Bob LaFollette of Wisconsin.

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## Low Interest Rates Provide a Big Headache for U. S. Investors Today



Despite great spending for defense and booming business activity, the plight of the investor is far from a happy one, stated in terms of interest he can get for his money.

## Finnish Leader Vigorous Man

### Jean Sibelius, 75, Says Finns Can Take It

By PAUL SJOBLOM  
AP Feature Service

HELSINKI.—Finland's Mannerheim of Music, 75-year-old Jean Sibelius shook hands with the vigor of a far younger man, quickly pushed up chairs and set out whiskey and cigars.

"The cigars are from your President Roosevelt," he said, his stocky, lively body swinging as if in rhythm to his words.

Yes, he was composing regularly and the war of last winter had not interfered with his schedule.

No, he did not think the world would be changed essentially for better or for worse by the great war.

At my age, a person should have got to know mankind pretty thoroughly. And I don't think this war will revolutionize the fundamental nature of man any more than earlier wars.

Yes, he was in good health. His big, round bald head shone above the dark double-breasted suit that clothed his sturdy frame—which with the short neck gives an appearance not unlike that of a wrestler.

Throughout my visit he talked with animation on a score of subjects, puffing from time to time on the big cigar. This was the fiery Finn, sharing with the Finnish army chief, Baron Mannerheim, the title of "uncrowned king of Finland."

Never Quite Satisfied  
He is working into the night to store up a fortune of music—new works which the world very possibly may hear only after his death.

Sibelius cannot bring himself to put the finishing touches to the compositions; always there is something he does not quite like.

## Alexander Calls Bowling Meet

### Second Half Schedule to Be Drawn Up Monday

E. S. Alexander, president of the Hope Bowling Association, announced Saturday that a meeting of team sponsors would be held at Fair park Monday night at 7:30, at which time plans for another schedule will be drawn up.

The present schedule will end in two weeks and it will be necessary for teams entering the second half to put up a cash deposit for incidental expenses.

The schedule follows:  
Monday, December 30  
Bruner vs. Life and Casualty Co.  
Gunter Lbr. Co. vs. Kiwanis club.

Tuesday, December 31  
Standard Oil vs. Brookwood Grocery  
SCS vs. M. System Grocery.

Wednesday, January 1  
Hempstead Lbr. Co. vs. Rotary club.  
American Legion vs. Ritchie Grocery.

Thursday, January 2  
Kraft Cheese Co. vs. W. O. W. Lodge  
George Robison Co. vs. Experiment Station.

## 8,502 Bales Ginned for Nevada County

Nevada county ginned 8,502 bales of cotton prior to December 13, as compared with 10,214 bales to the same date a year ago, according to Carl Munn of Williamsville, Nevada county reporter for the federal Department of Commerce.

'Sounded' Original Invention  
Moving pictures were given to the world by Thomas A. Edison in his basic patent of 1893. With the invention of the "gramophone" in 1878, he laid the basis for sound pictures.

To prevent needles and pins from rusting, stick them into a piece of flannel which has been saturated with machine oil.

A Thought  
But truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth there is but a step between me and death.

## Idle Money, War and Taxes Keep Interest Low

Fourth of six articles reviewing 1940 business and forecasting probable trends in 1941.

By JOHN T. FLYNN  
NEA Service Financial Writer

From the standpoint of the investor, the year ended and the year ahead are somewhat irregular. It has been a profitable year for many corporations and it has been an unprofitable year for others.

These two groups would cover those corporations affected by the war business and those not affected, save indirectly.

Some 284 corporations getting war business have enjoyed a profit record far above last year. This is after taxes are deducted. For instance, they show a gain of 49 per cent in the third quarter over the same period last year. They show a gain of 79 per cent over last year, in the nine months up to Sept. 30.

On the other hand in the second group—some 256 corporations—while a few show large profits, like the petroleum industry, a number, like baking, food products, beverages, drugs, wholesale and retail trade show actual losses both for the third quarter and the year as a whole up to Oct. 1.

This, however, is because the benefits of the war business that went first into the direct war industries have not yet percolated into the others. But there is a reasonable expectation that if the business does keep up this percolation will take place.

The plight of the investor is far from a happy one stated in terms of the return he can get on his money.

The average yield on the very highest grade corporate bonds is only 2.6 per cent. On long-term Treasury bonds it is about 1.9 per cent and on short-term Treasury notes about 2.5 per cent.

Investors open their eyes and gasp a little when they see a railroad equipment bond (Atchison)—a \$10,000,000 issue—go for from 2 per cent to 1.5 per cent. This is actually lower than government bonds.

No Indication of Big Rise  
The whole subject of taxes and the uncertainty of war hangs a good deal over this security investment field. Taxes on corporations have become group of corporations studied by the National City Bank shows an average of all sorts of taxes—income, property, etc.—of 53.3 per cent of net income. This means that over half of every dollar of net income goes for taxes of one kind or another.

Financial authorities seem to feel that the low interest rates are a serious hindrance to business and that nothing should be done to depress them further.

The question arises, then, will interest rates, as war orders multiply and business moves up, tend to increase?

This is a question being asked by innumerable persons other than business men, particularly in the real estate field.

Of course an increased demand for money should send rates up. But the pools of unused money are so immense and the rates so low that there does not seem to be very much prospect for rates to rise to a point where the rise would become serious or where it would affect real estate rates.

NEXT: The labor-government-business triangle.

## 'Taxi-cycle,' Bikes With Chauffeur, High Fashion in Holland

AMSTERDAM.—(AP)—Strict control of gasoline distribution in the Netherlands has forced many taxi drivers to shelve their cars and mount bicycles.

They have fastened small carts with a double seat to their bicycles and have attached taxi-meters to them. Principal competition comes from old-fashioned horse drawn carriages with top-hatted drivers. Business is particularly good after 9 p. m. when street cars stop running.

The Netherlands national monthly gasoline consumption once was ten million gallons, but this now is restricted to two millions and will be reduced even more. Of 200 million gallons of gasoline on hand when the German army marched into Holland approximately 26 million gallons still are available to the Dutch.

The bicycle business is humming and manufacturers hardly can keep pace with the demand although every second Dutchman already had a bicycle. Every physician now make their calls on bicycles.

## Hunter Shot By His Dog

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — (AP) — John Johnson doesn't know whether to have his bird dog arrested or not.

While giving the animal a lesson in pointing, Johnson rested the butt of his shotgun on the ground. The dog, excited by a bird, leaped in the air and came down on a branch. The branch came down on the trigger. The shot put Johnson down with a severe shoulder wound.

## FDR's Doodles Get Respect

### Roosevelt's Designs Win Respect From Navy

By JACK STINNETT  
WASHINGTON — Notes from a capital cuff.

Doodlebug—The only marine architect in this hemisphere who doodles his designs and gets them looked at seriously is President Roosevelt. I guess you could call it a hobby, but what the President does in rare spare moments is to jot down little notes and sketches for changes in design of our fighting ships.

These informal bits of doodling he sends along to the admirals. Sometimes they show up on the backs of old envelopes, sometimes on leaves from a scratch pad and always with the little note that "It's just an idea. What do you think of it?"

You couldn't possibly squeeze out of the Navy's brass hats what they think of it, but I got it from several of the not-quite-so-high-ups that the brass hats think a lot of it—and that some of the President's ideas have been used in the design of several warships now skidding down the ways.

The President's specialty, so the story goes, is torpedo boats, but he doesn't confine himself to one type. It's not at all surprising that the admirals take time to decipher the President's doodles and give them serious consideration. Not only was he a pretty highly respected Assistant Secretary of the Navy in World War days, but he has had a lot of naval officers' eyes popping in the last eight years with his knowledge of navigation along the Atlantic coast.

One-Man Gas House Gang  
Hiker-Down through Rock Creek park comes a big black sedan, moving under a load of bullet-proof glass (on instructions from the Federal Bureau of Investigation). It reaches the gas house district, where Virginia avenue cuts in from the park drive, and draws up to the curb.

Out into the atmosphere, often laden with the stench of artificial gas, steps United States Attorney General Robert L. Jackson. He strides off down the sidewalk, the car looting along at a discreet distance behind. Sometimes he walks four or five blocks, sometimes the whole mile or so to the Department of Justice building.

It's Mr. Jackson's daily constitutional and antidote for not having had time for a horseback ride. What I'm going to find out the first chance I get is why it must always start in the stinky gas house district.

Skelp and Spiegleisen  
Websterian—That release from the President the other day which served notice that exporters of skelp and spiegleisen will have to get licenses before they can ship these products out of the United States sent me nuzzling through the dictionaries.

At first I thought he was talking about seaweed and a new brand of Munich beer—but brace yourself; it's nothing like that.

The dictionary defines skelp as (a) to kick severely, to slap with the hand, (b) to leap awkwardly, (c) to run, as a clock, (d) a sudden and heavy shower and (e) a strip of iron or steel from which tubes, gun-barrels, etc. are made. It's not hard to figure this out. There hasn't been any embargo on kicking severely for a good many years now.

The President couldn't have been talking about anything but strips of iron and steel. It's just that simple to figure out what goes on in the national defense set-up.

Oh yes, spiegleisen. Spiegel is German for mirror. Eis is German for iron. So naturally, spiegleisen is white cast iron containing not more than 25 per cent manganese alloy. Even if it weren't, with a name like spiegleisen, it didn't have a chance anyway.

Seeing Stars the  
Painless Way  
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Five hundred naval reserve midshipmen are learning navigation the easy way at the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History.

Constellations are projected inside the black dome as they would appear in various parts of the world, and lecturers explain how to determine a ship's position.

Capt. J. J. London reports, "We are training midshipmen to become navigators in a very short time."

## Warships, Men to 'Vacation' in Colonies

### London Has One of Heaviest Attacks of War Friday Night

LISBON, Portugal.—(AP)—Travelers arriving from unoccupied France Saturday reported Chief of State Petain had authorized "a number of French naval officers to spend "vacations" in North Africa and that several French warships had sailed from Toulon to North Africa.

The travelers connected these moves with Petain's "unabated" decision to rule France himself free from "foreign impositions."

"Petain," they said, "would rather become a prisoner himself than to give into demands such as allowing foreign troops to pass through France."

The French cabinet met Saturday, at Vichy, demand said. Jean Darlan, navy minister, had delivered a letter from Petain to Hitler in which Petain was understood to have outlined the basis under which he would collaborate with Germany.

London Bombed  
LONDON.—(AP)—After one of the heaviest night bombing attacks of the war on London, Britain's own bombing planes were reported jabbing at Hitler's "invasion ports" from the Bay of Biscay to the fjords of Norway on a 1,000-mile front.

"The shipping situation worries us as much as the threat of invasion," one source asserted.

"We are running as much chance of being choked by the blockade before U. S. aid reaches its peak as we are of being knocked out by an invasion."

"You can take it we are not going to be diverted from the job of counter-attacking these two real dangers flat-out by any side-show such as the reported German troop movements in the Balkans, whether that is a real move to strengthen the German position there or merely a red herring."

The Evening Standard said "It is plain Hitler's main purpose is to batter down Britain's defenses before next summer."

The latest blows in Britain's "offensive defensive" aerial movements included:

1. Attacks by the RAF on Nazi-held "invasion ports" where unusual troop movements have been reported recently.

2. RAF raids on docks, airdromes and submarine bases in German-occupied France.

3. A joint attack by the fleet air arm of the RAF on shipping and harbor works at Haugesund, Nazi-held harbor in Norway in which dive bombers were said to have scored three hits and started fires and set off a violent explosion.

## German's Hoist Own Flag MELBOURNE, Australia.—(AP)—The sea raider which bombarded the mandated island of Naru ran down the Japanese flag and hoisted the Nazi Swastika before opening fire.

Navy Ministry announced Saturday. Minister William Hughes said the raider appeared just before dawn off the 5,000-acre Pacific island and signaled "Do not use wireless or I will shoot the mast down. I am going to shoot at stores and phosphate jet-ties."

Hughes said instructions were obeyed and the wireless mast was left standing. The raider fired on loading equipment, stores and fuel tanks but left private houses untouched.

## Movie Goers' Joan of Arc

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Radio Songstress Bea Wain, irked at women who wear architectural hats in the movies, has organized a "hats-off-in-the-movies club."

She's had membership cards printed and distributed through women's clubs. Campaign song, by Lanny Grey, is "Hats Off to the Ladies Who Take Their Hats Off in the Movies."

## One Way to Get Rid of a Mustache

COLUMBIA, Mo.—(AP)—The young daughter of Robert Carson persuaded him to demonstrate when he assured her cod liver oil was pleasant.

The oil coated the black mustache of which he was so proud, and the fish odor unit defied persistent efforts to remove it. Finally he shaved the thing off.

Odd Headress  
Wool cords are woven into their hair by women of a central district of Mexico. The resultant turban-like headress serves as a pillow by night and a protection from the sun by day.

An average of four earthquakes occur daily in Japan.



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## Better Americans Coming Up

Not long ago Professor Merriam of the University of Chicago raised considerable speculation by a series of lectures in which he said we are just entering a period when life and people are going to be consciously improved by scientific means not available before.

To a small extent these techniques are already being practiced, enough to suggest their future course and effectiveness. An "annual report" on the nation's children by "Parent's Magazine" indicates what is already being done, in reports by Katharine F. Lennrot, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau and by Surgeon-General Parran.

Miss Lennrot reports. The baby death rate has dropped 20 per cent in the five years from 1934 to 1939, but 50,000 babies still die each year between the second and twelfth month of their lives; 70,000 before they are a month old.

The maternal death rate dropped 32 per cent between 1934 and 1939, yet nearly 10,000 maternal deaths were registered in 1939, at least half of them preventable.

Such things show how much has been done, how much remains to do. Improvements in both are attributed by Miss Lennrot to maternal and child health services in states and counties.

Dr. Parran joins in the hopeful preview of the future. "We have a new generation of children," he writes, "who are both taller and heavier than their parents; whose chances of going through the first years of life without attack by the communicable diseases of childhood are greater; whose general health care is far superior to that of a generation ago."

Scientific discoveries (and their application) did it. Improved city sanitation and milk supplies; prevention of certain diseases; new knowledge of nutrition, have largely come into effect within one generation. The word vitamin came into the language in 1911. The cause and cure of pellagra was announced 24 years ago. The same for rickets, 15 years ago. Nutritional science is even today in its infancy.

National defense means that in 1941 additional attention will be devoted to the health of youth, military and industrial. Mass production of yellow fever vaccine, for instance, means likely security against exposure to yellow fever areas in defense zones.

"New horizons are ahead of us in the attainment of national health," Dr. Parran believes.

New horizons are ahead of us in every field, and the builders of better health are only one group among builders who must address themselves to the task of building a better world.

**Fox Speed**  
The best speed of an average fox is estimated at about 26 miles per hour—faster than a coyote, but slower than a jackrabbit.

## WE, THE WOMEN

Scene "Christmas Problems" Are Worse Than Shopping

By RUTH MILLETT

Christmas gifts are often quite a problem—to the person who gets them. Take Papa, for instance, and the necktie. Papa bought him with more Christmas enthusiasm than knowledge of Papa's taste in neckties. It was sweet of Mama and all that—but Papa would not be caught dead in that tie.

What can he do? Well, he can put on the necktie the first day after Christmas, and start for the office—with a proud look on his face. Then on the way to work he can duck into a store, buy another tie and switch.

By keeping his own selection in the office, he can change every time he feels it necessary to wear Mama's tie. In a few weeks she'll forget it.

Then there's the man whose wife gives him the equipment for a nice outdoor sport—when all he wants to do Saturday and Sunday is loaf around in slacks and take his sports via the sports section of his newspaper.

What can he do? Well, he can always play a time or two and then strain a muscle—or he can develop a "heart condition"—nothing serious but necessitating his cutting out all active sports for a few months. By that time, Mama will forget about it.

And there's the woman whose well-meaning husband gives her something to wear that isn't in line with her own idea of chic. She can save his feeling—and her own—by wearing it when just the two of them go to a movie—or for a Sunday afternoon ride.

**This Fellow Is Smart**  
Then there's the problem of knowing what to say when you get a present and don't know what it is—one of those gadgets that looks like it might do anything or nothing. A man told me the other day about a wary male who had solved the problem of what to say when proud parents had him tip-toe into the nursery to see a bundle from heaven. He always takes a look, beams at the parents and says, "Now THERE'S a baby!" And, of course, he's right.

Why not borrow his inspired observation when you untie the present that looks like nothing you've ever seen before and say with enthusiasm: "Now, THERE'S a present!"

## Answer to Cranium Cracker

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1. Bonneville dams the Columbia river in Oregon.
  2. Mormon Flat dams the Salt river in Arizona.
  3. Boulder dams the Colorado river in Arizona and Nevada.
  4. Fort Peck dams the Missouri river in Montana.
  5. Grand Coulee dams the Columbia river in Washington.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

Two Collections Provide Rich Feast For 'Shorts' Fans

Two outstanding collections of short stories provide the nocturnal reader with an adequate supply of bedside reading. There is only one disadvantage in keeping the books handy—they are so compellingly interesting that you can't put them down.

The first is "Short Stories from the New Yorker" (Simon and Schuster; \$3) a volume including 68 short stories carefully selected from the 15-year-old files of the magazine. For variety, for excellent reading, the book is unsurpassed.

Glance at a list of a few of the authors: John O'Hara, James Thurber, Kay Boyle, Sherwood Anderson, Leonard Q. Ross, Oliver La Farge, Erskine Caldwell, Dorothy Parker, Thomas Wolfe, Sylvia Sawyer, Winslow, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Marc Connelly, and Daniel Fuchs, to mention only a few.

And what a punch these yarns pack! Modern America briefly, sharply delineated, from the "cream of society" to the gutter.

One word of warning: Don't rush through this book. Read one or two stories a day and prolong the enjoyment.

Another collection no short story fan should overlook is Mrs. Fremont Older's "Love Stories of Old California"

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(Coward, McCann; \$3.50). Here are 24 love stories covering the period of California's history from 1175 to 1881. Each carries an historical preface, which sets the scene for the romance. Gertrude Atherton writes the introduction.

Particularly good are the stories of Rezanov, the Russian, and Californian's first man. Miss Atherton tells the same story in detail in a novel. And there is Tamen Donnan, wife of the leader of the ill-fated Donner expedition; Lola Montez, heroine of many romances; Jacquin the terrible, whose band avenged the murder of his wife.

**Increasing Populace**  
London's growth is so rapid, it is estimated, that there are a half million people living on its borders for whom there are no church accommodations.

## Lost

PAIR GLASSES, IN BROWN CASE.  
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## Bruce Catton Says:

By BRUCE CATTON, NEA Washington Correspondent

## Oil Expropriation Squabble Being Re-Examined

WASHINGTON — Fourth coming departure from the State Department of Joseph Davies, wealthy former ambassador to Russia and Belgium, is believed by oil men in Washington to foreshadow a friendlier attitude by this government toward Mexico and Mexico's oil problems.

For nearly a year Davies has been serving as special assistant to the secretary of state. Of late he has been devoting his time to making arrangements for the third term inauguration ceremonies, and his resignation at the State Department goes into effect Jan. 21.

Point of all this is that Davies is Donald R. Richberg's law partner. Richberg has been representing Standard Oil in Standard's controversy with Mexico over the expropriation of oil properties. Davies has exercised considerable influence in the State Department, and is generally credited with having supported policies which would not be unfavorable to Standard.

Coincident with his resignation are two important developments in the Mexican oil situation.

**Mexico Works Quietly**  
In the first place, the whole question of the expropriation matter is being re-examined. No decisions have been made, and the new hearings have not gone far enough to give a definite line on what will be done. It can be said, though, that friendly conversations held in Mexico during the Avila Camacho inauguration are beginning to bear fruit.

Secondly, Mexico is quietly attempting to get an improved status in regard to shipments of low-duty crude oil to this country under the reductions granted by the Venezuelan trade treaty. Thereby lungs quite a tale.

The Venezuelan trade treaty granted a 50 per cent reduction in the excise tax of 21 cents a barrel levied on crude oil imports, this reduction to apply to a quota of oil imports equal to 5 per cent of the total amount of oil refined in the United States in the previous year. Other nations having most-favored-nation treaties with the United States were entitled to share in this reduction, and just a year ago the President allotted the

percentages of low-duty oil shipments for each one.

In fixing those percentages, it was decided to give each nation a share proportionate to the amount of oil it shipped into the United States in the first 10 months of 1939.

**Higher Quota Asked by Mexicans**  
That was where the shoe pinched

oil, compared with Venezuela's 21,000,000.

Standard has profited heavily by the Venezuelan treaty. One estimate is that her saving in its first year, due to the lowered tax, ran to \$7,500,000. Any increase, of course, injures Standard's position—unless and until Standard's expropriation fight with Mexico is settled.

New quotas must be set for next year, and Mexico is now being heard on its plea for a higher quota.

If Mexico could persuade the State Department to raise next year's quotas on 1940 imports, her position would be vastly improved. In the first 10 months of this year, for instance, Mexico shipped in 9,832,000 barrels of

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE



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# SOCIETY

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## Social Calendar

**Saturday, December 28th**  
Miss Sara Ann Holland will compliment Miss Mary Ann Lile, bride-elect, at an afternoon bridge party, the Barlow, 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Kendall Lemley and Mrs. Harry Lemley will compliment Miss Mary Ann Lile and her fiancé, Remmel Young at the rehearsal dinner, the Barlow, 7 o'clock.

**Sunday, December 29th**  
E. P. Young Young Jr. will entertain at a breakfast breakfast honoring Remmel Young, Barlow, 9 a. m.

**Monday, December 30th**  
The Executive committee of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist church, the church, 2:30 o'clock. All old and new officers are urged to attend.

**Candlelight Tea is Given by Miss Mary Haynes for Miss Lile**

An outstanding event of the winter social season was the candlelight tea given by Miss Mary Haynes on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 in honor of Miss Mary Ann Lile, bride-elect. Remmel Young.

At the door was Mrs. Harry J. Lemley, who invited the guests into the dining room. Noted in the spacious room as the guests entered were the white gladioli and carnations backgrounded by Southern silk and white tapers glowing in silver holders.

Mrs. Charles Haynes, mother of the hostess, introduced the guests to the hostess, who headed the receiving line in the music room. Floor candles bearing slender burning tapers against the smoky lent much charm to the youthful receiving line, which included Miss Mary Haynes, Miss Mary Ann Lile, Mrs. L. M. Lile, Mrs. F. R. Young, Miss Janet Lemley, Miss Sunshine Lile of Jonesboro, Miss Martha White, Miss Marian Smith, Miss Martha Houston and Miss Martha Lyn Ryle of Gordon. The hostess selected a white crepe tea gown with accents of gold for the occasion and the honoree was crowned in an antebellum gown of pink/brocaded tulle with blue trim.

Miss Mammie Twitcheell invited the guests from the music room to the gift room, which was upstairs. There Mrs. Paul Lewis, Mrs. A. J. Lile, and Mrs. E. S. Greening dispensed hospitalities.

The green and white motif was again carried out in the dining room, where Mrs. Kline Snyder invited the guests for tea. The same flowers were repeated in the decorations. Covering the serving table was an imported cut-work cloth. A large circle of white carnations, poinsettias, chrysanthemums, maiden hair fern, and candytuft was used to make the wedding ring centering the table. Burning green candles nestled in the flowers represented the prisms of the ring. Mrs. J. G. Martindale presided at the handsome silver service and Miss Julia Lemley served the tea. They were assisted in serving by Mrs. Frank Hoverson, Mrs. L. W. Young, Miss Sara Ann Holland, Miss Mary Wilson, and Miss

Daisy Dorothy Heard.  
Mrs. J. J. Battle of Fulton invited the callers into the reception room, where they were asked to sign the bride's book presided over by Miss Alice Lile, sister of the honoree, and the Misses Mary Carolyn and Adolphine Andrews of McAllen, Texas.  
Christmas flowers including poinsettias cyclamen were artistically arranged in the sun room. A glowing fire in the huge fireplace added a festive air to the room.  
A large number of guests called between the appointed afternoon hours.

**Girls Cotillion Club Has First Formal on Friday Evening**  
An important event of Friday was the dance given at the Hope Country club by the members of the Girls Cotillion club. Christmas greens and glowing red tapers were featured in the seasonal decorations of the spacious club room. Thomas Kinser and his orchestra furnished the music for the evening.

During the evening the following members of the newly organized social club of the city and their escorts led the grand march: Miss Louise Haneagan and Dr. A. L. Hurdage, Miss Daisy Dorothy Heard and Jack Roberts, Miss Mary Dela Carrigan and Wingfield Stroud, Miss Elizabeth Stroud and James Butler, Miss Mary Lemley and Ed Nourse, Miss Jane Carter and James Cantley, Miss Nell Williams and Bill Garmen, Miss Mary Ann Lile and Remmel Young, Miss Josephine Morris and Ed Jack McCabe, Miss Mary Whitworth and Frank Kirk, Miss Patricia Duffie and Chester Holleman, and Miss Ruth Atkins and Jack Fielding.  
Mrs. Robert M. LaGrone Jr., one of the sponsors of the organization, and Mr. LaGrone were among those present.  
One hundred guests were listed in the club's guest book.

**Personal Mention**  
Bob Ligon and Charles Dews of Arkadelphia were Friday visitors in the city and attended the Cotillion dance on Friday night at the Country club.

Mrs. Bennie Ship, nee Margaret McRae, of Little Rock is the house guest of Miss Mable Ethridge and Mrs. W. Y. Foster.

Mrs. A. C. Whitehurst will leave Sunday for Fulton to resume her duties as a member of the Fulton Schools faculty after a pleasant holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Whitten have returned to their home in Gladewater, Texas after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlest Brown of Benton spent Christmas with relatives in the city.

Mrs. L. E. Mullins of Texarkana has come to Hope to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Moses, and Mr. Moses.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allison have returned from a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burton, in Lewisville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kinard had holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kinard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinard and daughter, Nancy Ann, of Junction City and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinard of El Dorado.

Sgt. and Mrs. F. V. Haynie have as house guests Mr. Haynie's sister, Mrs. Alma Haynie, and his niece, Miss Vernice Houser, of Little Rock.

Othal Woodall Jr., of St. Paul, Minn., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Othal Woodall Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten Jr. have returned from a holiday visit with relatives and friends in Little Rock.

The Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Spore and children, Catherine and Harlan, have returned from a visit with relatives and friends in St. Charles and Searcy.

Mrs. Burgher Jones and children, Lynda Alice and Burgher of Conway are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lageter and daughter, Betty Jean, have returned to their home in Little Rock after a weeks visit with relatives and friends in the city.

Lt. Ed Williamson of De Queen and Jack Ambrose of Ada, Oklahoma were in the city Friday, and attended the Girls Cotillion dance on Friday evening.

**Long Statue**  
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ful gesture characteristic of those days when he took the senate floor and conducted his 42-man filibuster, will take its place in statutory hall.  
**Distinguished Company**  
Viewing the spot marked for the Long statue, one has to do more than turn one's head to view the distinguished company Huey will keep there—Robert E. Lee or Virginia, Daniel Webster of New Hampshire, John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, Henry Clay of Kentucky, Roger Williams of Rhode Island, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and a dozen more.  
If it had been for President Roosevelt's third inauguration, dedication of the statue already would have taken place while the old Long delegation still was intact. Those in charge of arrangements were afraid the statue could not be brought into the Capitol while passages were blocked with inauguration stands. When the statue arrived and was brought in, it was too late to get the delegation together.

## Church News

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. A. Cepeland, Minister

Sunday is the last day we will have to attend the Lord's day worship in the year 1940. Therefore we make an appeal to all of our members to be present at that service. The old year will soon be gone with all of its blessings and opportunities. Shall we look back and view the record we have made in 1940?

Our subject for the morning service will be, "The Old Year, and the New." Sunday night our lesson will be, "God's Way Under Unrest." Let us make our Bible classes the largest of the year. Bible study, 10 o'clock a. m. Young People's Bible Class, 6 p. m.  
Fellowship, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
A hearty welcome is awaiting you.

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B. T. C. at 6:30 p. m.  
Ladies Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Mid-week Prayer Service on Wednesday night at 7:30.  
Community singing Thursday night.  
An invitation and welcome is extended to you to worship with us.

## With the Home Agent

Mary Claude Fletcher

**Howeview Club**  
The Howeview Demonstration club had their Christmas meeting with Mrs. Homer West which was an all day affair every one carried a covered dish that provided a most delightful lunch and lots of fun.

In the afternoon the meeting was called to order by our president and devotion by Mrs. Yarberry.  
We had a very interesting meeting after which we exchanged Christmas gifts and agreed to meet with Mrs. Henry Fowler in January.

## What Defense

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demicians contend over the question of whether aid for Britain actually means we are warring on the German people.

The wartime spirit is generally recognized by political leaders as a force for unity in any nation—a means of settling aside internal differences until the struggle is over.

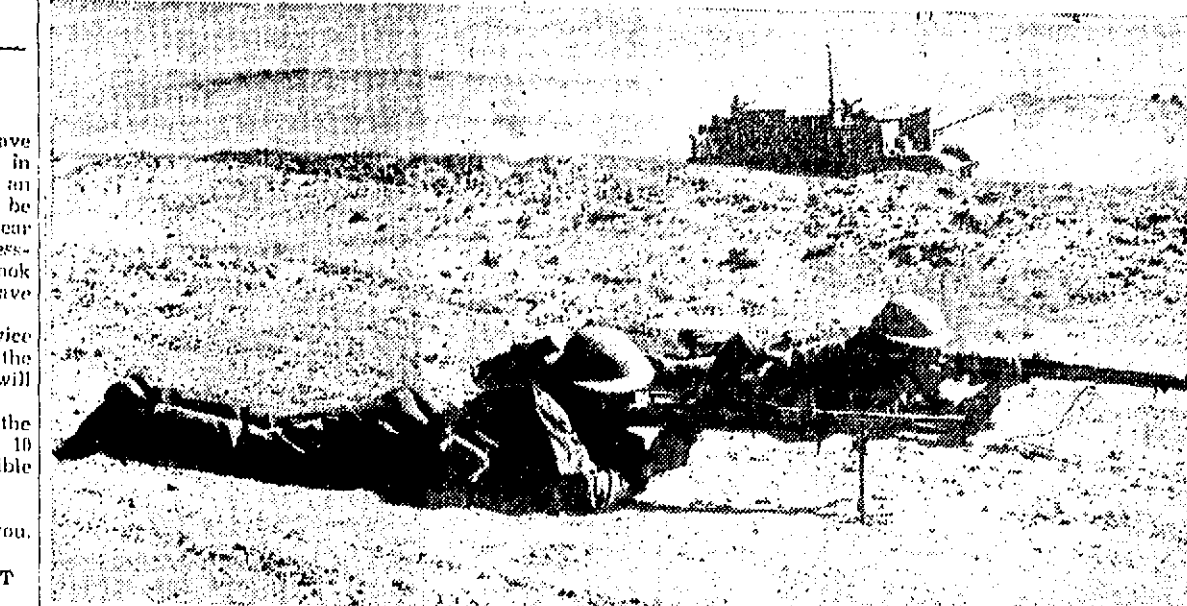
Some observers suggest that the lag in defense production admitted by William Knudsen in his old job in the Defense Advisory Commission is due in some measure to the fact that neither workers nor industrial leaders today recognize our effort as an all-out wartime rush. They do not have before them the image of military battle as did World War Americans.

Barney Baruch's post-war report on the war industries board he headed said the ultimate success of the American war production effort depended more on the support by American public opinion of the war effort, than on the dictatorial powers with which congress clothed President Wilson.

There are legal differences, too.  
In World war days, congress gave the President power to control food and fuel production, transportation, and in one broad sweep, pledged to the President "all the resources of the country" to bring the war to a successful conclusion. The draft was held over the heads of labor—and was—by President Wilson.

These indirect controls gave the President and his wartime boards the

## On the Firing Line in Egypt



British Tommies with Bren machine gun and rifle take up the firing line on the hottest of their far flung empire's many hot spots—Egypt. Attacking simultaneously from land, sea and air, British troops flung back toward Libya Italy's bogged-down thrusts at the Suez Canal lifeline.

power to fix prices, establish priority for war production, ration food, compel labor to work, force industrial plant owners to comply with instructions, under threat of taking their property.

It was done mostly, as Baruch's report intimates, with an iron fist in a velvet glove, with an eye on public opinion. For instance, in the Bridgeport strike, the President had only to threaten plant management with requisitioning to end the plant's resistance to strike. And he had only to threaten a minority labor element with removal of draft exemptions, and to take their right to work in war industries away from them. That was enough. Public opinion approved.

Today, President Roosevelt has but one of the legal powers among those granted to Wilson, beyond and above the emergency powers that always rest in the hands of a President. He may take over plants that fail to co-operate the defense effort. He has no similar powers over labor.

## Finnish Leader

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high in his workroom.

He dislikes to waste time in sleep, and does much of his composing at night. Yet he always seems to be up and about during the day, too.

Sibelius himself does not talk much of the struggle is over.  
With clever adroitness, he usually gets people to talking about themselves, or strikes out on an outside topic.

On the occasion of my visit, he spoke of Mannerheim, a friend and ardent lover of music.

"Mannerheim is a rare phenomenon among soldiers. He is so highly cultivated, so full of all-round culture. Think of what he might have done to advance the good of our country, had his statesmanship been appreciated early enough."

Called a Fighter  
Finns like to say that Mannerheim is a fighter, so is Sibelius. Mannerheim led an army; Sibelius wrote songs of battle.

His "Finlandia," which Finns describe as fierce with the prophesy of revolt, exultant with the promise of freedom, was banned by the Czar in the days under old Russia. It was an emotional factor in arousing Finnish patriotism.

Sibelius had lived since 1900 in a small villa about 45 minutes outside the Finnish capital, but this winter he moved into town—into a roomy apartment.

## MAP PUZZLE

**HORIZONTAL**

- Map of islands in the Pacific.
- Shape.
- Place.
- To put on.
- Sanctions.
- Harmonies.
- Measure of area.
- Being.
- Clandestine.
- To mourn greatly.
- To purify.
- Blockhead.
- Sloths.
- Pertaining to runes.
- Acts of turning.
- Its capital is.
- Sneaky.
- Baglike part.
- Unkeeled.
- First.
- Mongol dynasty.

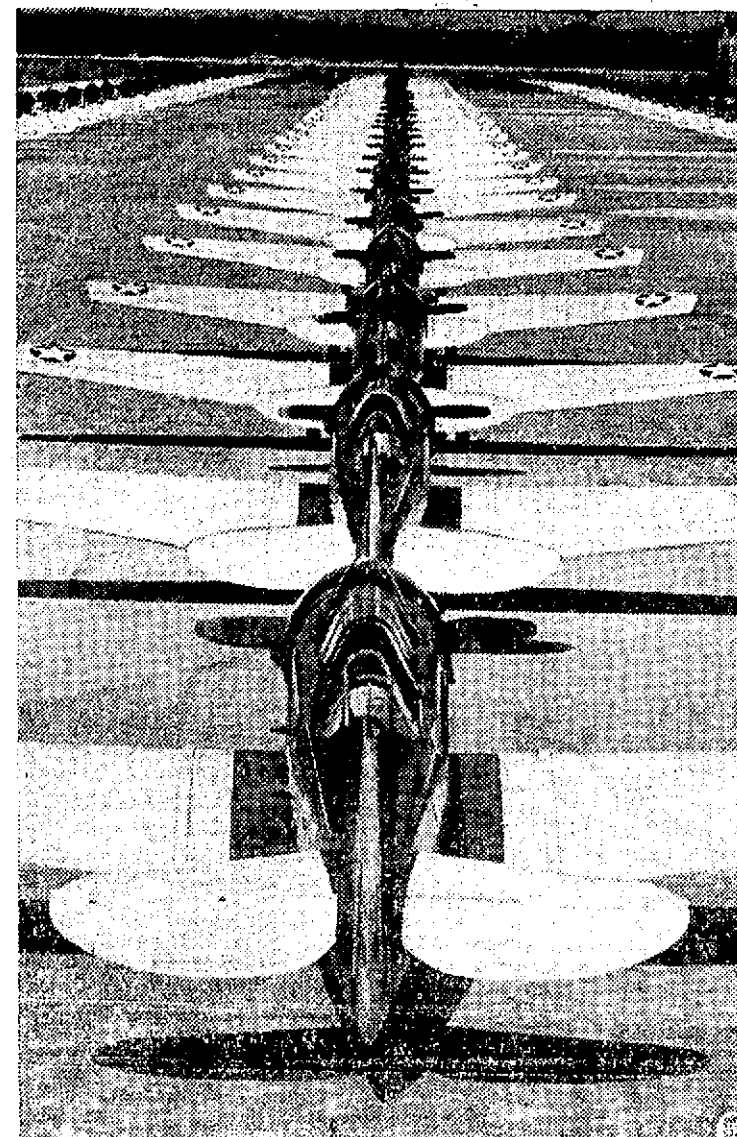
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TOBAST  
ORLAR  
RACIAL  
SIRE  
TOBACCIO

**VERTICAL**

- Postscript (abbr.).
- Animal skin.
- Heaven god.
- Cotton cloth.
- Lamentation.
- Fruits.
- Frozen desserts.
- Convent worker.
- Themes.
- Martial.
- Doctor who cares for teeth.
- To trace back.
- Public auto.
- Stir.
- Russian village.
- Aurora.
- Circular wall.
- Act of migrating.
- Cuckoo.
- Sesame.
- Game of cards.
- Some.
- Olive shrub.
- Market.
- Tender.
- Symptom of hysterics.
- Thin tin plate.
- Indian.
- Festival.
- Evils.
- Fetid.
- To surfact.
- Go on (music).
- Half an em.
- Southeast (abbr.).

## Aerial Centipede



Looking like a bird's-eye view of a gargantuan, multi-winged insect, this line-up of over 300 training planes is awaiting the 500 flying cadets who will start basic training at Randolph Field, Tex., after the holidays. It will be the largest class ever to start at the army's "West Point of the Air."

## The Scoreboard

<b>Biff Jones</b>	<b>Shaughnessy</b>	<b>Jim Crowley</b>	<b>Homer Norton</b>
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**Slizing Up the Coaches of Bowl Game**  
Eleven: Leathy Oates Assistant to Crowley at Fordham and McKen Played for Neyland at Tennessee

**By DON SANDERS**  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent  
Looking over the bowl coaches:  
Biff Jones, Nebraska—Maj. Lawrence McCarty Jones graduated from West Point in 1917, was on the coaching staff there from 1920 to 1929, the last five years as head coach. . . . Went to Louisiana State, talked back to Huey Long and threw him out of the dressing room. . . . Went to Nebraska in 1937, won Big Six title first year. . . . A shrewd tactician.

**Clark D. Shaughnessy**, Stanford—Shag starred at Minnesota, graduated in 1917. . . . He coached Tulane, Loyola of the South, and Chicago, where he had seven dismal seasons. . . . Gave up life-time faculty job to take over at Stanford, where he adopted the "T" formation to win coast title. . . . might have become a great pianist.

**Jim Crowley**, Fordham—Sleepy Jim was one of Notre Dame's Four Horsemen—a flashy runner and a favorite of Knute Rockne. . . . Went from Michigan State to Fordham in 1933. . . . One of the leading exponents of the Rockne system. . . . A great story teller.

**Homer Norton**, Texas A. & M.—Homer Norton was an all-around athlete at Birmingham-Southern College,

where he graduated in 1916. . . . Following a stint in professional baseball, he became coach at Centenary College and came up with three undefeated teams in 10 years. . . . Went to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

**Bob Neyland**, Tennessee—Maj. Robert Reese Neyland graduated from West Point in 1916, was end coach there in 1920-24, then went to Tennessee, where he became head coach for active army duty, retired in 1936 and returned to Tennessee. . . . An engineer, he was once in charge of Muscle Shoals dam.

**Frank Leahy**, Boston College—Leahy played center and tackle for Rockne at Notre Dame, graduated in 1930. . . . He was line coach at Georgetown, where he developed the Rams' blocks of granite lines. . . . Has been head coach at B. C. two years, both of which brought the Eagles a bowl bid.

**Allyn McKen**, Mississippi State—McKen is a protégé of Neyland, having starred at end for Tennessee from 1925 through '27. . . . Has been head coach at Mississippi State since 1939.

**Jack Hagerity**, Georgetown—John L. Hagerity is strictly a Georgetown product. His first coaching job came in 1932, when he took over for his alma mater. . . . The Hoyas went undefeated to 23 successive games before losing to Boston College this season.

<b>Bob Neyland</b>	<b>Frank Leahy</b>	<b>Allyn McKen</b>	<b>Jack Hagerity</b>
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## Nazi GHQ Is 'Panzer' on Rails

German Army Has Rolling General Headquarters

**AP Feature Service**  
BERLIN—A double-engine train pulls into a small station in France. Behind the engines is a flatcar with a crew around an anti-aircraft gun. The caboose is another anti-aircraft car. Between these two cars lies the rolling general headquarters of the German army.

In one of the cars sits Field Marshal General Walter von Brauchitsch, thin tipped head of the German land forces.

This train is the cerebrum of the German military machine.

With its swiftly acting chief, it has toured half of the continent of Europe in the last fourteen months directly behind the crest of the German military wave. From the flat soggy wastes of middle Poland, to the swishing beaches of the French Atlantic coast, the boss of millions of men has issued terse orders, received meaty military reports and coordinated the efforts of these millions to spell the military defeat of Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

Four crews serve with the train—anti-aircraft, military guards, technical personnel of the federal railways and the signal corps experts.

The latter are the most important. Radio operators, teletypewriter operators, telegraphers, switchboard operators, and other assistants chosen from the outstanding pupils of the signal corps school have been on duty in the GHQ since the beginning of the war.

**'Speed' Their Middle Name**  
Speed is their middle name. They still look back with pride, reports the "Warschauer Zeitung," on the day that their chief ordered a phone call put through from a forsaken spot in Poland.

Within six seconds, Von Brauchitsch was speaking with his aides in the Reich capital.

Of special interest to a German reporter who visited the train was the use of a device—presumably what is known in American telephone circles as "scrambled speech" apparatus—for foiling curious who might be on the line.

Radio messages issued from the command car must remain strictly secret, and are conducted in an ever changing and extremely complicated code.

Important press reports are received by wireless and handed around to the staff officers. The car in which Von Brauchitsch has his quarters was used by Adolf Hitler for two years as his private salon car.

**Uses Radio Car**  
When Von Brauchitsch dashes to the front line, the fact that he leaves his railroad car does not mean that he is not in contact with every section. His auto column contains a radio car with direct wireless connection to his railroad yard.

Operators sitting in the grey "panzer" car can flash back to the rolling GHQ an order which Von Brauchitsch has decided to issue.

When the field marshal general has finished his observations, back he goes to the train sitting, the "panzer" car is quickly rolled on the flatcar and the train can move on.

**"Would Pay For Itself"**  
A salesman sold an elderly negro farmer a tractor. Some time after the machine was delivered, the salesman called on his customer to pay.

"Can you pay me for that tractor, Uncle Jim?" he asked.  
"Pay for de tractor?" he asked in astonishment. "Why, nussa, yo' done told me dat in free weeks de tractor would pay for hisself."—Toronto Globe.

**Liquid Machinery**  
Machinery Salesman: I'd like to interest you in this cotton gin—the cotton gin, you remember, was one of the world's greatest inventions.

Sappo: Is that so? Well, you can send me up a dozen bottles. I'll try anything once.

## James Copp Is Musical Man

He Writes, Sings, Recites and Plays Piano

**By IRVING ALLEN**  
AP Feature Service Writer  
NEW YORK — James Copp III is a strange, long young man who writes strange, long poems and recites them at the piano. People at the ritzy night spot where he recites, think he's very funny.

James was born of Los Angeles social register parents in 1917. At 14 he played the piano with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Then I stopped taking piano lessons," said James, "and didn't play for a long time. At the age of 15 I wrote a strange, long poem and submitted it to the school debating society. I was admitted."

"At Stanford University it occurred to me to put the strange, long poem to music and try out for the annual musical show. It was accepted. After that I wrote more strange long poems set them to music, and did them on the radio but finally decide it conflicted with my college work."

After Stanford, James studied writing under Robert Hillyer at Harvard. People tried to get him to put on his piano-things in night clubs or on the radio, but he was more interested in short-story writing. At the end of his second year he was awarded a prize for showing "greatest literary promise in the most advanced course in English composition." He had stories published in a national magazine.

"I finally became serious about my piano-things when some friends in Chicago persuaded me to appear in an amateur night at a hotel. I won, and Will Osborne, whose orchestra was playing there, offered me a job."

He took the job and wound up with Osborne in New York, where he went into night club work.

James Copp III's only explanation of why he does piano things is "I guess I just have a queer mind."

Statisticians show that most college classes are led by girls. So are most of the male students.

The latest dope is that Hitler will start his English invasion the middle of February, at which time he is expected to change his mind again.

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# Commerce Goes in for Plastics

Vast Vault Is Referred to as 'Hoover's Folly'

By JACK STINNETT  
WASHINGTON — The Department of Commerce is slap-happy over plastics. In the vast vaulted foyer of the department's building (sometimes referred to locally as "Hoover's Folly" because nobody up to that time had ever thought of Commerce as important enough to be housed in such an edifice) there now is on display as big an exhibition of plastics as Washington ever has seen.

There is everything from false teeth to brassieres; from milady's dainty pumps to football helmets that would stop the jar of a Kimbrough; from fragile-looking bits of costume jewelry to airplane windshields that toss machine-gun bullets aside like pellets from a bean-shooter.

What Plastics Are  
The day I was over there, there was a fellow standing around. I asked him: "Whaddya mean plastics?" And his answer was: "Generally speaking, plastics are substances capable of being molded or otherwise fabricated (with coloring matter or a filler) into a desired solid form; this condition being obtained by a physical or chemical interaction between the molecules of a wide range of materials."

Well, no doubt he knew what he was talking about, but that seems to me to be putting it the hard way. Plastics are like radio—you can't explain them, but there they are. You take a little coal tar or hammered soybeans, mix them with a little air or water, run them through a press and you get everything from synthetic silk to gear-shift knobs.

The Chinese started making papier-mache about as far back as firecrackers, but since papier-mache wasn't an instrument of slaughter, it took civilization about ten centuries longer to figure out that it was a plastic and plastics were pretty hot stuff.

Now, after some 25 years of commercial development and about ten years of concentrated attention from both the men in the laboratories and those in the market places, plastics are coming into their own. When you comb your hair and brush your teeth and switch off your lights at night, the chances are ten to one you are using plastics.

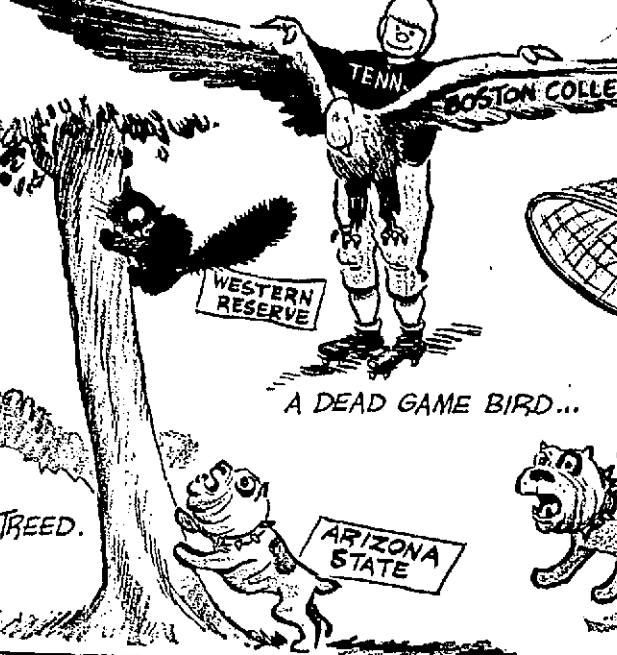
When you shove the family jalopy into gear, you are using plastics. They are in your kitchen, they are on your clothes, and the Department of Commerce is doing its best to make you conscious of the fact. It even issues such figures as this: Ten years ago the output of synthetic resins amounted to approximately 21,000,000 pounds—ten years later to 215,000,000 pounds.

Out-Tutting Tut  
And now we get down to what was to me is the most fascinating part of the commerce department exhibit—the work that Charles E. Cando, of the Department of Agriculture has been doing with a synthetic resin that's a dead ringer for clear glass. He has been burying bugs and ears of corn and butterflies in blocks of this stuff and turning out preserved specimens that would out-live King Tut's mummy.

Sando, a 45-year-old bio-chemist, after several years of research has managed the feat of imbedding these specimens in an unscrutable clear plastic and retaining not only perfect form, even to the minute hairs on the legs of a tarantula, but perfect coloring. He has preserved frogs, snakes (with bared fangs), peacock feathers, spikes of wheat and oats and even moths, whose delicate coloring would be upset by any breeze strong enough to blow the dust off their wings.

Don't ask me how he does it. I only know that it is too expensive for commercialization and that not a jot of air or moisture is left in the embedded specimen. Scientists and medics already are tipping their derbies to Dr. Sando and promising that it won't be long until you can illustrate your lectures on the absent appendix with glass-imbedded proof.

# All Prophet—No Loss



A DEAD GAME BIRD...  
TREED.  
ARIZONA STATE

By Art Krenz

# JAKA JONES

The Jaka Jones Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith December 13, with 12 members present and one new member. We sang Christmas songs, directed by your song leader Mrs. Idus Whitefield. A poem was read by the hostess, then we had prayer.

The secretary read the minutes, called the roll, each member answered with the name of something that would make a good Christmas present. Then we had a Christmas tree, everyone got a gift.

The hostess served refreshments to all. We adjourned to have our next meeting the second Friday in January at the home of Mrs. B. A. Hartsfield.

Mrs. Fred Smith of the Washington community entertained Sunday December 15th at a dinner in honor of

Mr. Smith's birthday it being his first birthday. The home was beautifully decorated with holly and other Christmas decorations. Mrs. Smith served a delicious turkey dinner.

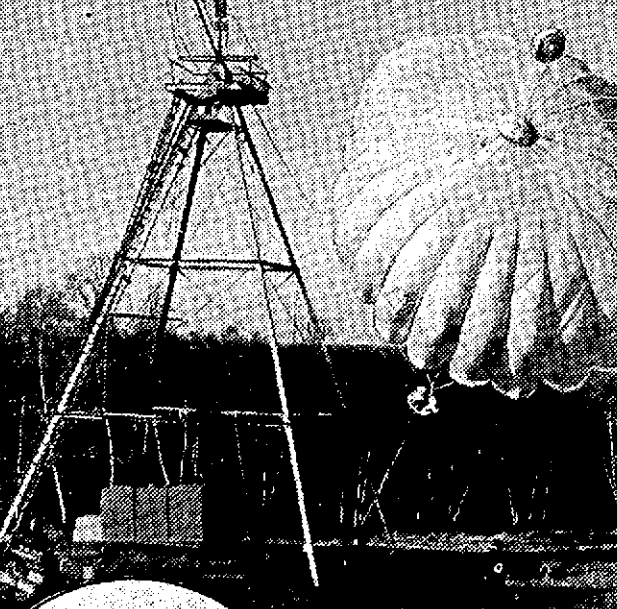
The guests for this happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sewell their little daughter, Sam Sewell of Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Stephen and Michael Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and children Fred, Mabel Jean, Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Honea and children, Percy, Gilbert, Arlis Henece of Blevins.

# 'Refugee' Terriers Only Ones in U. S.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—(AP)—The same ship which brought a batch of refugee British children brought six miniature Kerry blue terriers, whose owner sought a bombproof home for them.

Mrs. Julia Dowell, their "guardian," believes they are the only example of the breed in America.

# New Method of Testing Parachutes



# PARACHUTE TEST TOWER—

Top: A parachute opens as it is whirled in a 200-foot circle. Below: J. Floyd Smith (right) Vice President of the Pioneer Parachute Company, and his son, Pre-vost, designer of the tower, holding dummy used in testing chutes.

and parachute and dummy float to earth. However, to visualize exactly what happens from the time the parachute is released, motion pictures are necessary since the eye cannot follow the rapid action. To record this action a specially built motion picture camera operates on the rigging of the tower, moving with the boom as it spins around.

This slow-motion movie record has brought to light many enlightening facts. An improvised pilot chute was developed from this. Packing of the main canopy of the parachute was also changed because of the studies made possible. By means of the new packing, it is virtually impossible for the skirt of the canopy to be tilted up in opening.

The inventor of the new testing system is Floyd Smith, who has been called "the father of the parachute." According to Mr. Smith, the testing power and slow-motion movies will permit rapid strides in the development of parachutes, not only for individual use but for the safe dropping of heavy bodies.

The armed services of this country, Canada, England and South American countries have sent representatives to inspect the tower and to study the developments being made because of it. The company is operating on a 24-hour basis supplying parachutes for Army and Navy use.

When the whirling dummy attains the proper speed the parachute is automatically released.

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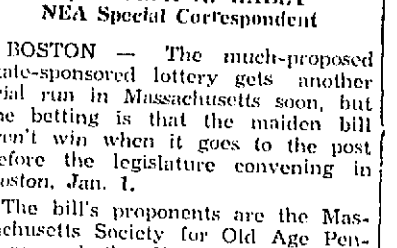
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# Hedge-Hopping



Though Germany's mechanized army has a demonstrated efficiency, arduous, realistic practice like that pictured above still goes on. Recently received photo, passed by Nazi censor, shows a motorized light anti-aircraft battery smashing through a thick barrier of shrubbery.

# Britain's Women Come Through



The going is pretty rough, but this English woman dispatch rider's enthusiasm is undiminished as she speeds on her way with a military message. A member of the Auxiliary Transportation Service, she's one of thousands of women performing arduous war work which releases soldiers for other tasks.

# CHRISTMAS RUSH

BY TOM HORNER

YESTERDAY: Under the doctor's careful questioning, Mary admits that she is in love with Jerry. But she can't tell him to allow him to wreck his career. She tells Dr. Connelly she believes Valerie is sincerely in love with Jerry, but prides herself on a discovery Valerie is making in the face of Jerry, to do all she can to break up the romance.

# DR. CONNELLY'S SURPRISE

# CHAPTER VI

HUGH CONNELLY found opportunity, at breakfast, to tell his wife of his conversation with Mary. It was no betrayal of Mary's confidences. He knew that the girl realized that Martha would know eventually, if she hadn't guessed already, that Mary loved Jerry. There could be no secrets from Martha.

"I don't know why he has to fall in love with this Valerie," Martha said for the fifth time. "If it were Mary, she'd have sense enough not to let him ruin his career."

"Let's not pass judgment on the girl before we see her," Hugh cautioned. "She may be every thing Jerry says she is. Mary tells me she is sweet, decidedly attractive. We have to give the girl a chance."

"But if she really loves Jerry, she should be willing to wait. What's two years? I waited three for you."

"The situation was different then, my darling," her husband laughed. "You would have been awfully hungry, going practically without food those first years after I left medical school. Things are different now."

"These young people have an entirely new outlook on life, new problems to meet. We can't say what was right for us is right for them. Don't forget, too, that Valerie has money of her own."

"You don't think Jerry would ever—?" Martha was angered at the thought.

"I hope my son will never live on his wife's money," Hugh agreed. "But that's up to Jerry. It is his life, and his to live as he wants to. You and I are getting old, Martha. Our children are growing up. We can't run their lives for them forever. They have to stand on their own two feet."

"We've given them all we can in a home, in education, in training to be honest, good men and women. The rest of their lives is entirely up to each one of them."

He bent to kiss her goodbye. "I've got a busy day ahead of me, and so have you. Everything should be perfect for this 'announcement party' tonight. No dates for Sheila and Kathleen. We

want Mary there, too. As Valerie's sorority sister, she has every right to be included.

"It's up to you, Martha, to keep the twins in line. Let's not condemn Valerie without giving her a chance. See you at dinner."

Martha finished her coffee slowly after the doctor had gone. Hugh was right, she knew. Hugh was always right.

It was not easy to dislike Valerie after you met her. Her blond beauty, her undeniable charm, were major assets. And she was doing her best in an uncomfortable position, Martha could see, trying to make Jerry's family like her.

True, she was inclined to be the center of attraction, she demanded attention and got it, anywhere she might be. But that, too, was her privilege, the just due of every strikingly beautiful girl.

Despite her determination to dislike the girl, Martha found herself half approving Jerry's choice. They would make a striking couple—this tall, smiling man-son of hers, so like the Hugh Connelly she had loved so many years, and this small, utterly feminine creature. But a single doubt lingered—could Valerie, would Valerie bear up under the trials which every doctor's wife must share?

The doctor seemed entirely won over. He had apparently accepted Valerie without reservation, welcoming her into her future place in the family circle. His voice came to Martha now, as the dinner ended.

"I think a toast to the future bride and groom is in order," Hugh was saying. "Then I have a surprise for you."

Martha sipped the wine without tasting it, her eyes roving around the table. She had expected Mary to ask to be left out of the party, but here she was, pushing Valerie into the spotlight at every opportunity, leading the conversation into channels where Valerie could shine—in small talk about new plays and books—giving Valerie every chance to show to best advantage. Martha wondered if she herself would have been as generous.

The twins had accepted Jerry's choice, too. As always, everything Big Brother Jerry did must be right, and if they bore any animosity toward the newcomer, they carefully concealed it.

"Let's have coffee around the fire," Martha heard herself saying. "Then we can hear about this big surprise your father has to tell us."

"It's really not as big a surprise as I may have made it sound,"

# Fordham Given Key to Dallas

Regular Western Show Given Boys From the Bronx



DALLAS, Texas—They gave the keys of this city to Fordham's Rams Friday—marked "good only until January 1."

Sirens screamed in downtown streets and traffic was jammed tighter than Times Square New Year's Eve as the boys from the Bronx arrived for the Cotton Bowl game with the mighty Texas Aggies.

The keys were presented to Coach Jim Crowley but he was warned by Mayor Woodall Rodgers that they won't work after 1940. Fordham then becomes the enemy.

Crowley, wearing a 16-gallon hat, a full size too large, peered out from beneath the brim and answered:

"I think maybe this sombrero will fit me New Year's night—I figure my head ought to swell a size after we win."

The Fordham players, most of whom never had been farther west than Pittsburgh, had their first excitement before their special train from New York reached Dallas.

At Mesquite, on the outskirts of the city, the train was halted by an armed band. A couple of dozen members of a reception committee, wearing cowboy suits and masks, climbed aboard and "held up the train."

In a few minutes, however, the burly Fordhams had relieved the bandits of their arms, put on their cowboy boots and 10-gallon hats which the committee brought aboard and chased each other up and down the train firing six-shooters—loaded with blanks.

By the time the train pulled into Dallas, the players had long nicknames—"Tex" Eshmont, "Lone Ranger" De Philippo, "Slim" Filipowicz and "Buck" Blumenstock.

Outside the station, a huge fire truck was drawn up waiting to convey the players to a reception held on a downtown street. The boys climbed aboard, firing their guns like those cowboys do in the movies when they come to town on Saturday night.

After the reception, the team moved out to the Stouffville Hotel, where they'll headquarter. Crowley sent his squad through a brief workout in the afternoon to loosen muscles tightened by the 36-hour train ride.

Crowley said he was devising a defense to stop John Kimbrough, the Aggies' big fullback. He said the guards and tackles would converge on Kimbrough in a "V-drive" in order to get him before he picks up momentum.

"If you don't get him before he gets going, he'll murder the line," Crowley said. "I know that such a move on our part will buy our boys open to mouse-traps—but we've got to take that chance."

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A capacity crowd of 17,000 was anticipated for the game that has arrayed for action some of the nation's finest gridirers. The footing in Cramton Bowl will be uncertain because of recent heavy rains, but the weather man forecasts a "pleasant day."

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